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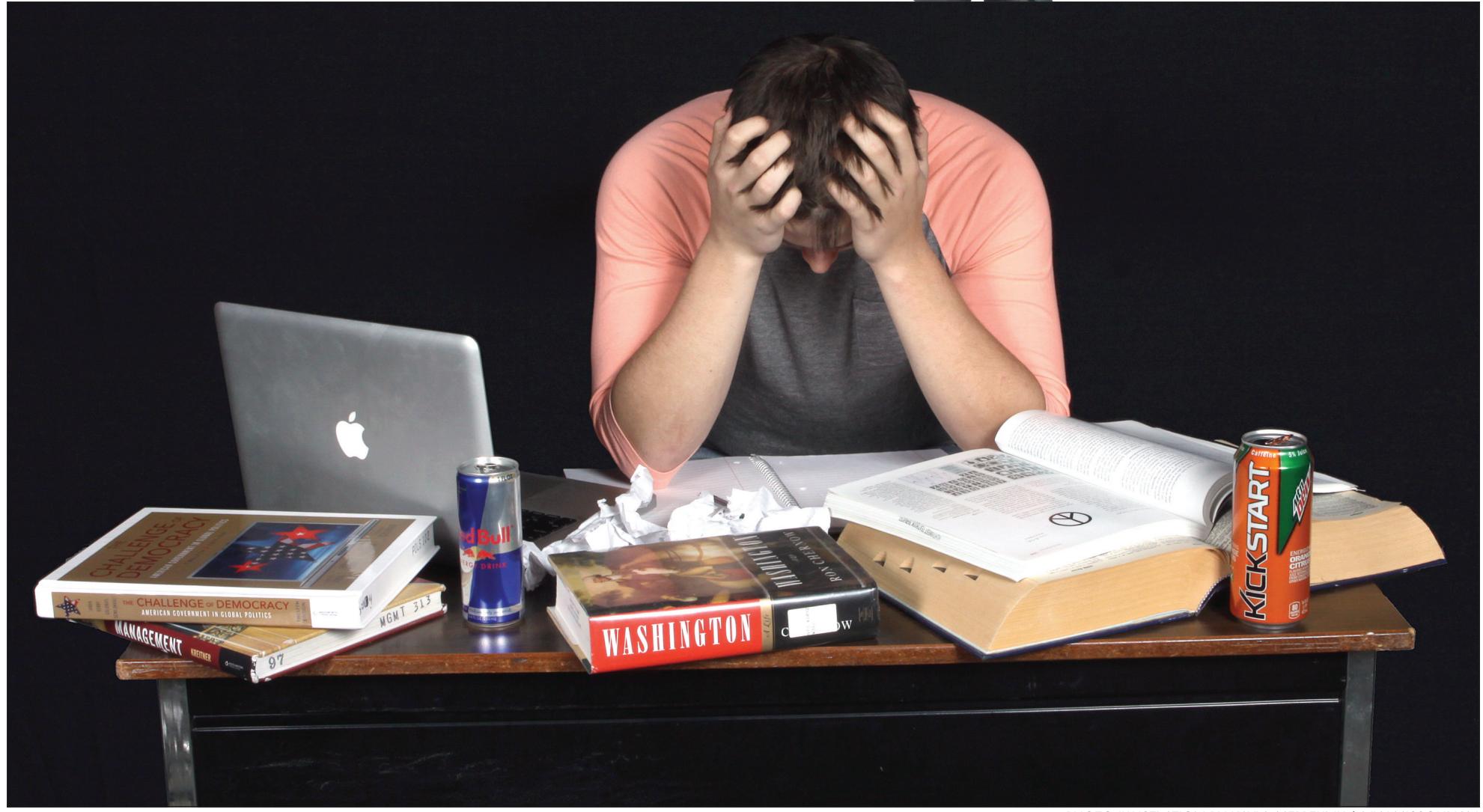


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With finals week just around the corner, preparation for exams can bring out the ultimate stress for students, especially freshmen who have never experienced a true finals week.

LOOMING FINALS WEEK CREATES HEADACHE

Professionals, upperclassmen offer their advice to those new to the finals 'game'

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The week that all students dread is rapidly approaching. Late nights of studying, thousands of flash cards and many notes later...it's test time. Finals week is just around the corner, and some students are already preparing...some.

Preparing for finals is no easy chore, especially for freshmen who are just learning how to study for college exams. Upperclassmen know the drill, but procrastination might win this battle.

"Normally I start a couple weeks ahead, and I make flashcards for everything," senior Sarah Rasmussen said. "I go through

all of my PowerPoints, and I do a lot of markup word stuff."

The B.D. Owens Library, the Talent Development Center, The Writing Center and many other campus resources become very busy during this time. Many students use these organizations to catch up on school work and really get a head start on their studies for finals.

"I see a lot of students in here (Owen's Library), especially late at night..." librarian Lori Mardis said. "I think getting an early start so you don't have to cram the night before would be helpful."

Students always hope to get a jump-start on studying, but that can be challenging. Professors encourage students to start as early as possible to be successful on final exams.

"Hopefully, I will start earlier," Rasmussen said. "Now would be good compared to the week before. I'm just going to review up until finals."

Everyone on campus struggles with procrastination, espe-

cially this time of year. Many classes have major group projects, term papers, and other important assignments on top of studying for the upcoming finals.

"I struggle with (procrastination) myself," Mardis said. "That is the one time my house gets clean; even when I was a student, that was the only time my dishes got done because I would rather do that than study and sit down and buckle down."

Even though naps and social time are all part of the college life, students understand that it is time to focus and lay off the video games, social time, TV and all the other distractions.

"Don't wait until the last minute. Break it up when you can," junior Katie McCloney said. "I think it is important to test your knowledge to see what you have learned in the class, but it can be stressful."

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**News Brief:
Maryville bank robbed,
suspect currently at large**

Authorities are looking for a man involved in a Wednesday morning bank robbery in Maryville.

Maryville public safety officials say the robbery was reported around 9:45 a.m. on Nov. 13 at the Bank Midwest at 1016 South Main Street in Maryville, Mo. The suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money and did not display a weapon.

The suspect was seen in a modern, white, four-door sedan.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 40 years, 5' 10" to 6' tall, average build, with a short dark beard and a mustache. The suspect was wearing glasses, a long coat, a hat and was carrying a messenger-style bag.

As of print time, there have been no updates from Maryville Public Safety.

Anyone with information on the robbery is encouraged to call Maryville Public Safety at 660-562-3209.

Northwest selects education figure for commencement

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As winter graduates prepare to receive their degrees Dec. 13, they will get to experience the wise words of a man who has been a key figure in higher education across the country and who holds a special bond with Northwest.

John N. Gardner, a long-time professor at the University of South Carolina, was selected by President John Jasinski to give this winter's commencement. Gardner founded the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Higher Education in 2007.

In 2010, Northwest brought in Gardner and his staff to go through one of the institute's planning processes. However, Gardner's connection to the University has been around for much longer.

"Dr. John Gardner has had a huge connection with (Northwest)," Jasinski said. "It dates back over 25 years ago when he introduced freshman seminar."

Nearly 25 years ago, Jasinski attended a conference in South Carolina in which Gardner was the leader.



John N. Gardner

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Hundreds of supporters and protesters showed up to the "Justice 4 Daisy" rally Oct. 22 in Maryville.

Jasinski represents Northwest in Japan for partner university's anniversary

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Instead of spending his afternoon stuck in meetings in his office, Northwest President John Jasinski spent time in Japan celebrating a historic milestone for a partner university.

Jasinski and Jeff Foot, director of international affairs, represented Northwest Nov. 1 at a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Niigata University of International Information and Studies in Hokkaido, Japan.

Since the University's partnership with Niigata in 2000, Northwest has brought 194 students to campus.

Northwest's partnership is part of an initiative to teach English and American culture to NUIS students through the trimester-long English as a Second Language program.

Each fall, Northwest welcomes incoming Niigata students into campus organiza-

tions.

"Our visit to Niigata solidifies our strong partnership with NUIS," Jasinski said in a Nov. 12 press release. "It fosters increased interaction and a continuation of NUIS students arriving each fall to experience all that is special about Northwest, while adding a valuable presence to our high-quality learning community."

Foot said this partnership is very beneficial not only to Northwest, but to the students of Niigata.

"Our cooperation with a partner university fosters good will, drives innovation in our program delivery and on-campus services," Foot said. "We have these partnerships so that our community is interconnected globally for the benefit, however unseen or realized, of all students... their energy drives several programs not to mention diversifying the



Director of international affair Jeff Foot and president John Jasinski celebrate Niigata University's 20th anniversary with alumni on Nov. 1.

residence halls."

Foot plans to continue to strengthen this partnership and have a presence at NUIS as the university remains partnered.

"We will focus on increasing the quality of educational, recreational, cultural and social programming they receive while here," Foot said.

University gives students trouble with credits transferring from exam program

HALEY VICKERS

Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Though students are given the chance to earn credit prior to college, some credits might not be transferable to Northwest.

The College Level Examination Program offers many different options for students to receive credit without taking an official course. Students at Northwest are allowed to take these tests for certain subjects listed in the annual catalog.

There are several courses offered that students can test out of, a few examples being American government, financial accounting, college algebra and western civilization.

"In the catalog, there are certain scores we require," said Tamera Grow, associate director of admissions. "These (in the catalog) are the ones that have been evaluated in the past by our faculty members. It shows the score that is needed to get the credit for the classes that are here."

Bill protects military sexual assault victims

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Lawmakers introduced a bill recently that would provide protections for sexual assault victims in the military. The bill seeks to restrict the questions lawyers can ask sexual assault victims during pretrial hearings.

A report in the New York Times, "Navy Hearing in Rape Case Raises Alarm," prompted a bipartisan group of lawmakers to draft the legislation. The report, written by Jennifer Steinhauer and published Sept. 20, told the story of a Navy midshipman who endured intense questioning for 30 hours over the course of several days. She had accused three Navy football players of raping her.

"In a public hearing, they asked the woman, who has accused the three athletes of raping her, whether she wore a bra, how wide she opened her mouth during oral sex and whether she had apologized to another midshipman with whom she had intercourse 'for being a ho,'" Steinhauer wrote.

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There are no requirements students need to meet to take this test. Freshmen through seniors are able to test out of courses using CLEP.

However, though many students think this program is a quick and easy way to earn credit, some courses listed in the catalog as having the test-out option are not accepted at all at Northwest.

"If a student had another (subject), we could have it evaluated," Grow said. "I think this is a historical listing of what has been done in the past. I haven't gone through all CLEP options in the last few years to say 'OK is this one that we should do.' I have just kind of left it up, but if we got a request, I could look at it."

Each test costs students \$100, said Beth Mason, assessment office manager. Of that, \$80 goes to the CLEP testing organization and the other \$20 spent on the 90 minute test is kept by Northwest.

"This semester we have had more students take it than in the past, but

that's not necessarily Northwest students...there are students from online universities that take them," Mason said.

Students may not have received credit for certain topics at Northwest for a few reasons: They could have not scored well enough for the Northwest requirements, or the individual departments at Northwest may not think the credit is worthy of passing.

"(If they did not receive credit) they did not have the score needed, or they did not have the official score report sent to the Admissions Office..." Grow said. "The department may have determined that the course did not equate to one of our courses."

The CLEP test can be a good option for students who are looking to graduate early or get some credits out of the way... if Northwest accepts the credit.

"I think it's a good option for students..." Grow said. "There is a general mix of classes in the catalog."



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The Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre will bring a new style of performance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

Lakota Sioux to bring new dance style to Northwest

DASHAWN ADAMS

Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

can history and culture makes it a highlight of the Encore season.

"Encore has not had a show of this magnitude combining education and entertainment in recent years, and I love bringing shows like these to our community," McAdams said.

"The evening will be filled with amazing costumes, music and dance. It will be a great show for families."

The presentation will consist of spectacular video imagery accompanied by live traditional, sacred and courting songs as well as narratives and creation stories woven into the fabric of the performance.

The performance will depict the balance between the environment and all nations of the world, a theme that the Lakota people strongly seek.

Performers wear brightly colored costumes, complete with feathers and face paint, and use props, such as flags and staffs, to create a work that is not only visually captivating but also rich with cultural significance.

Tickets may be purchased between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

in society," junior Ethan Catron said.

Reports of sexual assaults in the military rose dramatically over the last fiscal year, up to 3,553 from 2,434, a 46 percent increase. The Department of Defense reported that all four branches of the armed forces and the National Guard experienced the same trend. The department also notes that the number of reported cases is approximately 26,000.

Former Private First Class John Skelton spoke candidly about the matter.

"I know that sexual assault in the military is prevalent, though I've never dealt with it firsthand," Skelton said. "I feel the entire judicial process in the military needs to be changed. There are so many sexual assaults that go unreported in the military."

This new system is believed to be much more beneficial and protective. As Skelton said, the old way wasn't the right way sexual assaults should be handled.

"A lot of people get hurt and don't say anything because they fear the consequences, which means the system we have in place isn't the best in the world like we say it is."

Angel McAdams, Northwest director of campus activities, said the show's presentation of Native Ameri-

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The New Nodaway Humane Society is hosting its "Light up an Animal's Life" fundraiser. Each bulb will require a \$10 donation to light up the string of lights that will first appear at the fall dinner.

Simply Siam brings Maryville Thailand flavor

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When you walk into Simply Siam off Main Street, it's not hard to forget you're deep in the heart of Maryville, Mo. The fountains, the bamboo and the unique music evokes genuine feelings of Thailand and intrigues those with little knowledge of its culture.

A golden statue sits prominently near the center of the restaurant, depicting a character from an old Thai fairy tale. In one section of the restaurant, low tables and plush pillows reside for customers to sit and enjoy a meal on the floor, which is a traditional way of dining in Thailand. In short, Simply Siam allows citizens of an all-American town a chance to experience a small taste of Thai culture.

Owner Nok Shuler says the name "Simply Siam" was chosen because she wanted the restaurant to be "simple, nothing fancy." However, after learning of the restaurant's origins, it became clear there was nothing simple about the bona fide, authentic Thai restaurant in this town.

Shuler got her start in the restaurant business in Thailand, working at her father's restaurant. After moving to America nine years ago, her husband and two daughters moved to Orange County, Calif. There, her husband wrestled with several jobs, one of which was a job as a home mortgage broker. However, when the housing market began drying up in



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Simply Siam owner Nok Shuler shows the additions to the new location on the Main Street square. Shuler opened Simply Siam three years ago after moving from Thailand to Orange County and eventually to Maryville, Mo.

2006, the family had to readjust, and her husband took a job driving buses for Orange County.

"We did everything to survive," Shuler said.

However, after several years in the big city, she felt it was time for a change.

"We have two little girls, and we just felt the need to get out of the city," Shuler said.

A little over three years ago, she opened Simply Siam in Maryville. With the majority of the town's restaurant food coming from fast-food establishments, Shuler saw an opening in the market despite doubts from

others.

"A lot of people doubted me at first," Shuler said. "They asked, why would you open a Thai restaurant in a meat and potato town?"

In spite of these criticisms, Shuler noticed how no one seemed to complain when she finally opened the restaurant. She believes that part of the reason behind the restaurant's success has to do with an ever-changing world.

"It's 2013; everyone wants to try something out of the box," Shuler said.

Northwest junior John Cerrone is one of the many who appreciate what

Simply Siam brings to Maryville.

"I've been to Simply Siam a few times, and I really like that we have an authentic Thai place here," Cerrone said. "A small town like this needs a little culture sometimes."

Simply Siam recently moved to the square on Main Street from its old location for more space and a general improvement in atmosphere.

"I just wanted a place where people can come eat and hang out, not just eat and go like fast food," Shuler said.

Simply Siam is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and delivers anywhere in town.

Maryville students use program to build better futures

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There is one construction site in Maryville that differs from the rest. A school bus drives the constructors to the site, and they are not average construction workers - they are high school students.

A program at Maryville High School gives students another experience to be applied once they leave high school.

The Building Trades Program, sponsored by the Maryville School District, readies the students for a trade school after high school. The project started about two years ago in collaboration with the city of Maryville. The project involves building a house in town as well as cabins.

"Things got going, so we worked with them this year to build a house here in town," said Jay Drake, instructor of the Building Trades Program.

The class of 18 students began building cabins for Maryville at the beginning of the school year. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the school year.

The students build the house from the first step to the last step, and it is a learning process. Along the way, they will learn blueprint reading, concrete installation, plumbing, electrical wiring and rough/finish carpentry techniques.

"It gives them experience, and it gives them a little upper hand out on the work force if they decide to go to these avenues," Drake said.

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This Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, photo shows Doug Hardman, left, as he stands with his co-workers in Cleveland. These men are among the more than 500,000 eager participants in the global phenomenon known as "Movember," which has inspired men all over the world to grow mustaches this year to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer. From left to right, Doug Hardman, Ivan Davydov, Jeff Pesler, Matt Mignona, Geoff Hardman, Charles Degen, Todd Eddy, Zak MacDonald.

OUR VIEW:

No Shave November has roots in charity

Over the last several years, No Shave November has become the favorite faux holiday of countless men (even some women) across the world.

Those with the ability to grow luscious facial hair revel in the idea of not having to shave for an entire month. Whether this is due to laziness or curiosity remains to be determined; however, it never fails to put smiles on the faces of those competing for the best beard or mustache in their group of friends. Despite the global attention this "celebration" gets, most would be hard-pressed to find out why and when this phenomenon began.

Most of us just look at No Shave November as a fun, trivial activity to participate in with friends. On the contrary, this month's celebration began as a way to raise awareness for men's health, and many organizations still use the holiday to raise money for prostate cancer and other cancer research.

The tradition of growing one's facial hair out in the month of November actually began with the name Movember rather than No Shave November. It originated in Australia in the late '90s, when a group of young men came up with the idea of growing their mustaches out for a month for charity.

In a few years, it turned into a nationwide phenomenon, with the group raising thousands of dollars for charities, such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Picking up on the success of the first campaign,

another Australian group used the idea to raise awareness for men's health issues that ranged from prostate cancer to mental illnesses. This group would later become the Movember Charity Foundation. This foundation has since gone worldwide, raising over \$174 million for various charities since its inception. The group uses fun, interactive contests, such as the Moscars and International Man of Movember, to spread awareness about its cause, which in turn prompts many to donate.

While Movember has become a well-coordinated charity campaign, No Shave November is more informal and encourages participants to grow all of their hair out, not just mustaches. In spite of this, several organizations are encouraging those participating informally to donate money to worthwhile causes. For example, the American Cancer Society is asking those letting their hair grow out to donate the money they would usually spend on shaving and grooming to cancer research.

So along with all of the hilarity and quirkiness of No Shave November comes the noble cause of altruism. Now Northwest students sporting hilariously unkempt beards have a legitimate excuse to give to their often irritated girlfriends during this glorious month. With cancer claiming the lives of so many of our loved ones, it shouldn't be stretch to throw a few dollars toward such a worthwhile cause. So while you walk around campus with your Grizzly Adams-style beard, just remember how this crazy tradition started.



CAMPUS TALK

How do you usually prepare for finals?



"I spend a lot of time in the library and go to several SI sessions."



"Honestly, I don't do anything to special. I study two weeks ahead of time just like any other test."



"I prepare by studying, going to the library everyday before and after work."



"I gather all my notes from the entire semester and look at study guides and PowerPoints."



"Since I'm in RA in Phillips Hall; we'll probably have study sessions on our floor."

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Most 'poor' films deserve second look

SHANE STEELY
Contributing Columnist

I watched several movies this weekend. Many of them could be considered schlock or guilty pleasures by the general public, but I feel this to be completely untrue. Each of these "bad" movies has a very important point. Either they are entertaining by themselves or they have spawned great things.

The next film was one many could call a higher brow guilty pleasure. "Dragon Slayer" had the feel of "Lord of the Rings" with less seriousness. But the look of the dragons in the movie created a film experience that I had not seen in a very long time. The main character, Galen, is sadly usurped by the king as a dragon slayer. The statement here is that political figures will often take credit for the accomplishments of others.

The final film I watched was based off of a novel by Philip K. Dick called "A Scanner Darkly." While the film has a myriad of mainstream actors, such as Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Woody Harrelson and Winona Ryder, it fell way under the radar due to its esoteric art style and sometimes confusing storyline. The film had a con-

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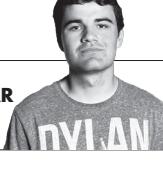
nexion to deep literature and an independent, art-house feel.

These films show the importance of what we call guilty pleasures. I gained several lessons from these films as well as a stronger appreciation for films of this caliber. Of course, these movies are not on par with films such as "Citizen Kane" or "The Godfather," but maybe it would be good for us to take a different look at the subpar films because they can be so much more interesting if viewed the right way.

Religious discussion should be encouraged

THOMAS DRESSLAR

Opinion Editor



the culture of intolerance of select private schools, such as Liberty University, who banned the Young Democrats from its campus in 2009. It's even far from the popular myth of colleges being a hotbed of secularism and atheism that it's often cracked up to be. In fact, according to a 2007 study, 76 percent of those who never enrolled in college reported a decline in religious service attendance. Another recent study said that religious students who go to college are more likely to pray or read the Bible. These statistics and stories such as Fromm's showcase a trend toward a culture of tolerance and the casual exchange of ideas that I've happily experienced since I've left high school. Sure, there's the occasional intense verbal battle between unshakable foes, but these are the exception rather than the rule.

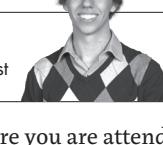
This is best illustrated by a compelling conversation I had recently on this campus. After a column I wrote in the Northwest Missourian a few weeks ago about Pope Francis, a representative from one of the University's religious organizations contacted me for a meeting. I happily accepted, of course. After the meeting, some friends eagerly asked me how it was, perhaps expecting me to say something outrageous about our exchange in the B.D. Owens Library. Some seemed shocked when I told them how refreshing and invigorating the conversations was. We discussed the meaning of life, current issues and religion and our own religious background. Most importantly, at the end of the conversation, we shook hands and peacefully went our separate ways.

This type of discourse should be welcome among college students rather than avoided. It strengthens and challenges the beliefs of everyone involved. This includes those of immense faith and those of no faith. A friendly, considerate religious conversation benefits all parties and presents those of all belief systems with a fresh perspective.

Students should not be afraid to get involved

MATT TOHL

Contributing Columnist



"If you work for something that you earnestly enjoy, it will not seem as though you are doing work at all."

thing that you earnestly enjoy, it will not seem as though you are doing work at all. Through planning, organizing and completing those projects, you meet a lot of people along the way who can change your life, which is yet another notable advantage. The memories made will last as long as you can remember, but the friendships will last forever.

Those people could be professional connections who can be a big help later on when looking to apply for grad school or an internship program. Networking applies to every aspect of life. If there is something you want to do, it is a lot easier to accomplish if you know people that either have experience with it themselves or know somebody else who does. Those people, who often have very similar interests, very frequently become friends. Those friends could be professionals in the field, or somebody who worked side by side with you through the night when deadlines drew near.

There are many more advantages to becoming involved, such as community service, a sense of belonging and recognition for your commitment. Developing leadership skills, taking part in things you enjoy, developing professional connections and making lifelong friends are all hand in hand with being involved. These advantages apply not only for college life, but for everyday life as well. The same advantages are there for anybody willing to search for them. All you have to do is to take the first step; the rest will follow.

CORRECTION:

Northwest alumna writes autobiography

In the Oct. 24, 2013 issue of The Missourian, a story ran about an autobiography written by Jean Jennings Bartik, a northwest alumna who is considered a pioneer for women in computing.

The article refers to her autobiography as a novel, which implies it is a work of fiction. Bartik's book, "Pioneer Programming: Jean Jennings Bartik and the Computer that Changed

the World," is a work of nonfiction.

The story did not mention that Kim Todd, a user consultant for academic computing at Northwest, co-founded the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum with John Rickman, vice president of information systems.

Rickman did not decline comment, but rather wanted to wait until the book was published.

FINALS

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Mardis says it's important for students to utilize the space on campus. "Space is important," Mardis said. "We have a lot of individual study rooms where students can have privacy and quiet and the 'quiet floor' on the third floor. We have group meeting rooms so students can practice presentations, if that is what their final is. We have white boards and overhead projectors. And I think we also have tools to help students with research for their topics or a take-home essay."

Students may find themselves overwhelmed and stressed during this time, but determination is key. Lots of rest, good food and time management will help ease the way through finals week.

Some tips from professor Diana Linville are to get plenty of rest, eat right, maintain healthy habits and study for exams a little every day. She said it is also helpful to study with a classmate while going over tests, quizzes, homework assignments and study guides from the semester.

Also, taking breaks and rewarding yourself can help with concentration and staying on track with studies.

"I think the students that start early and treat their classes like a job and work 8 to 5, and then you can still have that night time off to do fun activities and things like that," Mardis said. "If you can make yourself work, I think you can build in breaks and rewards..."

Finals can be rough, terrifying and overall nerve wracking. The effects of finals can be exhilarating or dreadful... It all depends on the amount of effort put into studies.

GRAD SPEAKER

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"When you talk about key figures in the history of American higher education, (he) has to be on that list," Jasinski said. "He has been that much of a contributing factor."

Gardner stresses that his work is done to better help universities bring success to first-time students and students in transition.

"We don't have nearly enough students that stick it out and complete, and this is a great challenge for the United States," Gardner said. "It affects our economy, our national defense; it makes us more dependent on people from foreign countries that we have to hire and bring in here because we don't have enough educated personnel ourselves to meet the labor force needs."

Gardner worked for USC for 32 years, and during his time, he founded the National Resource Center on The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. After meeting his wife, who also worked at USC, they left the university and co-founded the John N. Gardner Institute in North Carolina.

This will be one of the many commencement ceremonies Gardner has led, but he stressed its importance.

"The commencement is the single most important ritual in the life of the university," Gardner said. "This is the most important thing they do to pay respect to students. Everything's got to be perfect."

Winter commencement will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 in Bearcat Arena. Doors will open for guests and family at noon.

COLEMAN

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photographs of children on the laptop of Father Shawn Ratigan, who was charged with child pornography.

"Jean has worked on a number of the city's biggest cases," Mansur said. "She has worked on many cases, including those of rape, during her 15 years with us."

In 2000, Peters-Baker was named Rookie Attorney of the Year. She has also been coordinator for the Drug Abatement Response Team in Jackson County. During her time as coordinator, she headed an effort to close drug houses as well as motels that were known to be hotbeds of illegal drug activity. She was honored with the Excellence Award for Advancing the Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax Objectives program for her efforts in the Kansas City drug trade.

Peters-Baker has received many other rewards in her time with Jackson County, such as Victim Advocate of the Year in 2005.

Peters-Baker has declined to comment about the case since being named the special prosecutor Oct. 21. The Jackson County Prosecutor's Office is also not releasing any findings or steps that have surrounded at this time.

On Oct. 21, Peters-Baker released the following statement.

"I was informed late this morning by the Circuit Court in Nodaway County, Mo., that my office was being named as special prosecutor in the Maryville, Mo., case. I immediately gathered a team of prosecutors, vic-

tims' advocates and investigators to begin our own process to review this matter.

We are today obtaining files from authorities in Maryville. And we will begin our review of the evidence in this case as soon as all those documents are in-house here.

I would like to say that I am honored that our office can be of service to the citizens of Nodaway County, just as I am sure they would for Jackson County. My office has prosecuted many similar cases. And we understand that this case has raised numerous and varied concerns in Northwest Missouri.

But, as I directed my staff earlier today, we will go about our review of this case as we go about any case. It will be a thorough review without fear or favor. Until we delve into the particulars, we will have no idea how long it will take to complete that review. And we have no idea what the result will be.

I will be involved in directing this review. But a number of highly experienced prosecutors, investigators and others will also take part. Finally, I do wish to beg for the community and the media's indulgence. This process must, for now, be a very internal one. My office will not be commenting about the case as we undertake our review. I also ask that you respect the privacy of the witnesses and victims in this case.

I will be unable at this time to answer any questions."

As of now, Peters-Baker and her team are continuing to investigate and review all the evidence. It is unsure as to the team's progress or findings at this time.

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Prosecutor holds charity poker tournament

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The death of a soldier and former Northwest baseball player inspired a widely-known face in the community to pursue a big idea.

On Nov. 9, Bob Rice, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, held a Texas Hold 'Em tournament in honor of Matthew Mason, who died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan Aug. 6, 2001. The tournament raised money to purchase camouflage jerseys for the Northwest baseball team.

"To be honest, it's something I wanted to do, but also something that had to happen," Rice said.

Matt Mason graduated from Northwest in 1998. In 1999 he enlisted in the Navy, eventually completing the SEAL program. Mason fought in the second battle for Fallujah in 2004, at which he sustained serious injuries. After recovering, he requested a return to active duty.

In 2011, an RPG struck a Chinook helicopter in Afghanistan, killing 36 Americans, including Mason, and eight Afghan soldiers. Mason received myriad awards for his military service, including the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, and two Presidential Unit citations. He achieved the title of chief



Robert Rice

petty officer.

"The baseball team will be able to wear the jerseys over and over," Rice said. "The team would wear the jerseys at every Sunday home game to honor the sacrifices our service members make, as a regular tribute to those who defend the freedoms we take for granted," Rice said.

The goal of the two fundraisers was \$3,000. The first event, held in August, raised about \$1,500.

"When it's someone who played for our baseball team and went to our school, it brings it closer to us," assistant coach Mike Creason said.

The baseball team, who agreed to make up the difference in costs, has a contract with Adidas and will work with Jock's Nitch to get jerseys made.

Dr. Dallas Fitzgerald

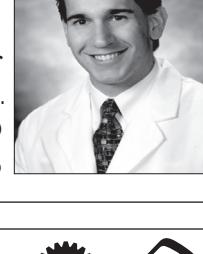
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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 20

There were five bicycles recovered at the 600 block of Prather Avenue.

Oct. 25

Kyaw Hlaing, 22, St. Louis, Mo., was charged with littering at the 100 block of North Buchanan Street.

Oct. 27

Taylor A. Breen, 19, was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving at the 100 block of West Seventh Street.

Tucker J. Bowen, 19, was charged with minor in possession at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Katie A. Sponsler, 20, Princeton, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Kristopher A. Dutro, 23, Bethany, Mo., was charged with open container in a motor vehicle at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Timothy C. Slaughter, 22, Trenton, Mo., was charged with open container in a motor vehicle at the 1100 block

of North College Drive.

An accident occurred between Taylor A. Breen, 19; Jana K. Malinowski, Platte City, Mo.; and Brian S. Speltz, Kansas City, Kan., at the 100 block of West Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation at the 100 block of East Fourth Street.

An accident occurred between Jacob C. Hogsett, 18, and Rebekah M. Russell, 18, Pleasant Hill, Mo., at the 400 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of a lost/stolen license plate at the 600 block of East Edwards Street.

Christopher M. Willerd, 38, was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to register a motor vehicle at the 100 block of West First Street.

There was a tool box and ladder recovered at the 100 block of West First Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of domestic assault at the intersection

of Cooper Street and Market Street.

Anastasia J. Roseberry, 20, was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 700 block of North Mulberry Street.

Stephen J. McCoy, 37, was charged with driving while suspended at the 1500 block of North Country Club Road.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Natasha M. Puckett at the 300 block of East Second Street.

An accident occurred between Charles W. Sears, 80, and Daniel Nelson at the 900 block of South Walnut Street.

An accident occurred between Cecil W. David, 84, and Kristan R. Judd, 18, Ravenwood, Mo., at the intersection of East Seventh Street and North Dewey Street. David was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Kody R. Allen, 24, was charged with

possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Nov. 7

Michelle M. Riley, 46, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Christina M. Plummer, 19, Lees Summit, Mo., and Mitchell R.T. Colson, 19, Cameron, Mo., at the intersection of East First Street and South Market Street. Plummer was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Nov. 9

Andrew J. Kridler, 21; Noel Garabito, 24, Chicago, Ill.; and Like D. Edick, 32, were charged with affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation at the 300 block of West Seventh Street.

Traci L. Davenport, 38, was charged with littering at the 100 block of South Munn Street.

Nov. 3

A summons was issued for stealing at Wells Hall.

A summons was issued for property damage at Lot 9.

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NEXT GENERATION VIDEO GAMES

Gamers prepare for rejuvenated releases

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The next portal to epic starship battles, Super Bowl glory and pirating on the high seas is having a revolutionary premier. The new PlayStation 4 launches tomorrow, and the Xbox One will make its appearance Nov. 22. Most titles available for both systems are sequels to long-running franchises, but a few new ones are seeking to break the mold and twist gaming tradition. The Missourian has compiled a list of the key games for PS4 and Xbox One to search for on the upcoming launch days.

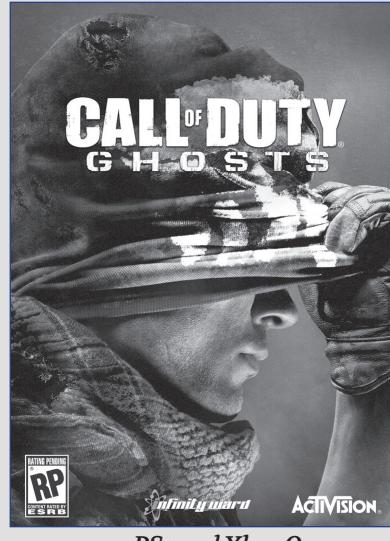
XBOX ONE*



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Call of Duty: Ghosts

With the next generation of consoles, developers Infinity Ward and Activision seem to be looking to change things up, just a bit. The graphics look amazingly crisp and clear. The gameplay seems largely the same, but with a few additions and upgrades. The campaign has a more varied setting and complex story. Also, the advanced multiplayer offers an overwhelming amount of character customization, which may take players some time to get used to. Developers also added Squad, a co-op mode where players fight waves of enemies, as well as Extinction, a short, co-op campaign where players take on alien invaders.

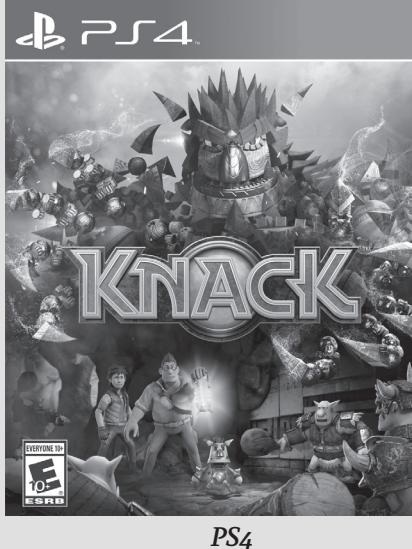


PS4 and Xbox One

PS4*

Knack

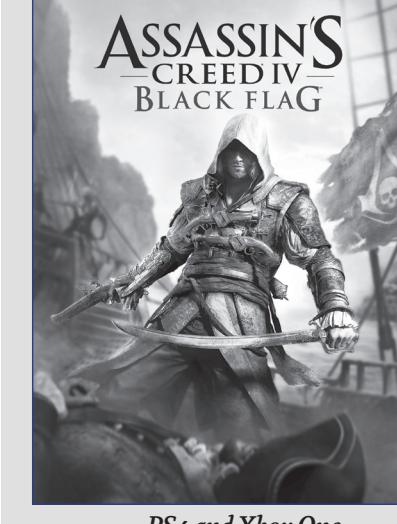
"Knack" feels strangely nostalgic for a next-gen game, making it stand out from the rest of the launch titles on this list. This is a family-friendly game from the people who created "Spyro the Dragon" and "Crash Bandicoot" and their influence on "Knack" is evident throughout gameplay footage. dPlayers control Knack, a weird, cartoonish creature made up of a bunch of tiny pieces. He can absorb certain things from his environment to control his size and strength. Also, he is the only thing that stands between humans and invaders known only as "Goblins." This game looks like an incredibly simple yet fun "beat-em-up" platformer. It might not be a reason to buy a PS4, but it is a nice game to showcase what the system has to offer players.



PS4

Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag

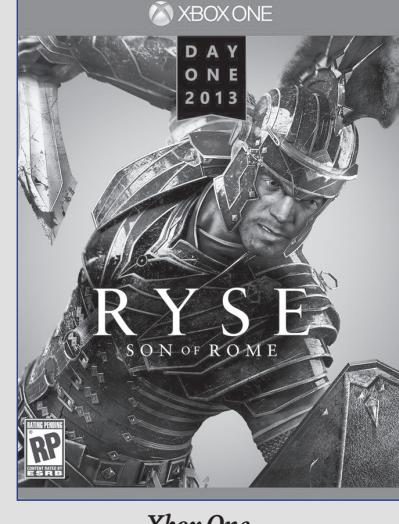
The newest addition in the Assassin's Creed franchise places players in the shoes of pirate Edward Kenway. As Kenway, players navigate the Caribbean Sea to amass a monumental treasure and work their way up the ranks of the Assassins. This game takes players out of the typical urban landscape associated with multiple games of the past. It puts the focus more on Edward's ship as he travels from island to island getting into scrapes with the British Royal Navy and the Spanish Navy through his travels.



PS4 and Xbox One

Ryse: Son of Rome

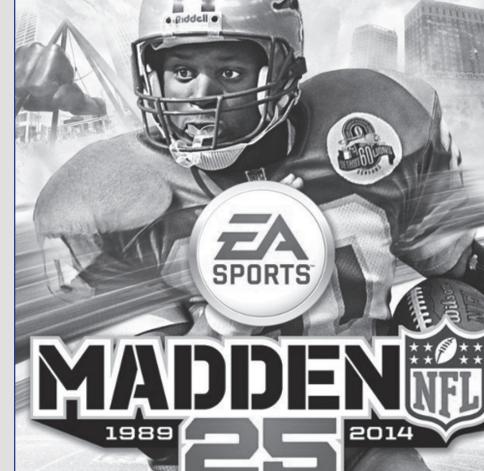
"Ryse" is one of the few games in this list that could be an example of what next-gen game consoles have to offer. The high-quality visual representation of the Roman Coliseum and the open countryside are stunning enough to catch anyone's attention. The super-fast and brutal combat will be what keeps players on their toes and ready for action. Gameplay footage seems to be taking the tried and true styles of current generation action games and advancing it to the next level.



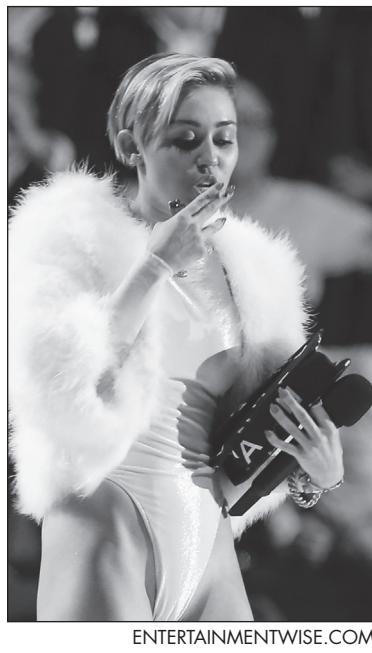
Xbox One

Madden NFL 25

Like "Assassin's Creed IV" and "Call of Duty: Ghosts," "Madden NFL 25" has already been available on the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 4 for a while. Sadly, though, there doesn't seem to be many changes being made for the next generation. Developer EA Sports seemed to place a much bigger emphasis on the crowded stadium and sideline characters than the actual football game itself. Playing a game on "Madden NFL 25" looks more like an actual NFL broadcast than any of the games in the past, but it did not change the structure of the gameplay.



PS4 and Xbox One



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THE STROLLER:**Your Man wants you to love, respect Miley**

Miley Cyrus did it again.

For those of you living under a rock, this week at the European Music Awards Miley twerked a midget and smoked a blunt on stage. And that's just a summary.

Now, usually this would be appalling, but I must admit I admire her. She is consistent in how she represents herself and wholly committed to the image she wants to create.

Somehow, being consistently appalling strikes me as more admirable than being only sometimes appalling. Perhaps it's the added appearance of sincerity?

The point is, you gotta give her props: few people are able to pull off what she does.

Miley Cyrus is a bit like Lady Gaga. I know, I know, blasphemy to the Mother Monster. But for both, the person has become part of the craft.

Miley's body is another layer in the way she defines her music. Licking a sledgehammer might be taking it a little far, and I can't find a gigantic teddy bear backpack for the life of me, but isn't riding around in an egg or wearing meat just as ridiculous? Perhaps not quite as raunchy . . . but certainly

just as ridiculous.

Her music is no longer just music, it is also an act. A performance. Wearing nothing in a music video is part of the artistry of it.

A scandalous outfit onstage is what her fans expect and want. Maybe we can find something liberating in recognizing that the young girls who admired Hannah Montana can now be young women who admire smoking blunts on a stage in rather liberally revealing clothing.

Miley is ballsy, and it shows. When she lit up on stage, it was

while accepting an award. So not only does she do what she wants, she is good at it.

Her image sells and her music is good. I mean, our society is all about honoring those who take what they want, so let's go all out on this one. If there was a canonization process for the modern secular age, Miley would be topping that list of candidates.

I admire Miley; I can't stop and I won't stop.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.***Thor brings the hammer down again****CHRIS SCHOONOVER**

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Since "Iron Man" hit the big screen in 2008, Marvel Studios has premiered the biggest and most thrilling movie entertainment of our generation. Their latest installment, "Thor: The Dark World," lives up to the lofty expectations that movie fans hold.

"Thor: The Dark World" stars Chris Hemsworth ("Cabin in the Woods") as the almighty Thor. Hemsworth also shares the spotlight with Natalie Portman ("Black Swan") as the scientist, and demigod love interest, Jane Foster.

The story picks up right after "The Avengers" and the attack on New York. The world is now knowledgeable that superheroes exist and along with them, supervillains.

Thor has been busy tending to the other nine realms with his trusty group of sidekicks and of course, his hammer. He does this until Foster comes into contact with the Aether, a supernatural stone that gives unlimited power to the holder if they know how to use it.

The storyline picks up when supervillain Malekith begins hunting down Foster. Her newly-found powers, thanks to Aether, are making her a target. Malekith plans to destroy Asgard, Earth and the rest of nine realms. Luckily for Earth though, Thor has our backs.

Unlike the original "Thor," this movie features Thor doing what he does best: beating down creatures from other worlds. His powers are on full display throughout the movie, giving the film multiple cartoonish moments with flashy beatdowns and triumphs.

Like a majority of the Marvel Universe movies, "The Dark World" has its funny moments along with the powerful, dramatic action spots. One of the biggest disappointments in this movie though, is that the humor is kind of forced. There is a battle to the death going on as an awkward, random kiss happens. The humor is shoved in your face a few times throughout the movie, but overall, the impressive action makes up for it.

Without giving away anything, stick around for after the credits like always. There are two teasers after the movie that will give Marvel nerds and casual movie goers something to get hyped about.

This movie is a definite must-see, and with costumes on post-Halloween sale, there is no reason to go to the movie without a costume.



IMDB.COM

Rating: 4/5
Movie: Thor: The Dark World
Director: Alan TaylorActors: Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
Release Date: Oct. 22, 2013**WHAT'S HOT****WHAT'S NOT****Ashton and Demi's Divorce**

After a six-year marriage, the beloved Hollywood couple finally signed divorce papers. Ashton has moved on to date his co-star from "That '70s Show", Mila Kunis, and Demi has found herself quite attached to New Zealand actor Martin Henderson.

Chunky Bracelets

A little sparkle is a must, but not if the bracelets sound like a semi-truck cruising down your wrist. Yes, bracelets are perfect for a girl's night out, but if your friends can't hear you talk over the clanging, there might be an issue.

'The X Factor'

ABC's "The X Factor" has dropped millions of viewers in the last several weeks. The show has had several voting glitches recently. With famous returning judges Demi Lovato and Simon Cowell "The X-Factor" was expecting high ratings this season. Is "The X Factor" X'ed out for music fans?

The Marshall Mathers LP2

Marshall Mathers, better known as Eminem, dropped his 10th album last week. The album includes the song "berzerk," which was the theme song for the new Beat's studio commercials, and "The Monster" which made the Billboard Top 10 this week.

No Shave November Week 2

The Missourian will track the growing progress of three bearded boys throughout the infamously hairy month.

This week's question: What do you think you will look like at the end of the month?



"People will probably just tell me I'm weird and ugly. I will probably look like a homeless person or my dad. I hope my beard is longer than my mustache, but I'm going to keep the mustache after November is over."

"I think I look like a terrorist. I'll look like a lumberjack or a Civil War general, just a really manly man. My mustache and beard will be long and bushy by the end of the month."

"I think people will like my facial hair. They like when I have facial hair now, so I think they will like it more at the end of the month. I'm hoping to look like I'm mountain man-esque."

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Royals - Lorde
2. Wrecking Ball - Miley Cyrus
3. The Monster - Eminem ft. Rihanna
4. Roar - Katy Perry
5. Wake me Up! - Avicii
6. Story of my Life - One Direction
7. Hold on, We're Going Home - Drake ft. Majid Jordan
8. Demons - Imagine Dragons
9. Counting Stars - OneRepublic
10. Applause - Lady Gaga

Billboard Top 200

1. Reflektor - Arcade Fire
2. Prism - Katy Perry
3. Wrapped In Red - Kelly Clarkson
4. Duck the Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
5. Nothing Was The Same - Drake
6. It Goes Like This - Thomas Rhett
7. Drinks After Work - Toby Keith
8. Pure Heroine - Lorde
9. Bangerz - Miley Cyrus
10. Recharged - Linkin Park

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Northwest cross country puts 2 runners on All-MIAA team

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Northwest cross country closed out its year with the men's and women's teams finishing 14th in the regional championships after a competitive season.

Although the Bearcats did not finish the season with the result they wanted, head coach Scott Lorek still sees it as an overall successful sea-

son. "We had a great season across the board," Lorek said. "The guys did a lot of great things. Nolan Zimmer, certainly - the time that he ran at Hays in the 8K was one of the top-10 times of all time (for Northwest). There were a lot of great improvements out of people. Our freshmen, I think, have established themselves as people who are going to be real good."

"It never seems like a burden. They're happy to get up and take care of their responsibility."

But for Warren and Conger, the real sacrifices stem from the times they aren't in Peyton's company, when Warren goes on road trips and has to leave his baby boy behind.

He doesn't mind taking time away from studying to play with Peyton, or missing practice to be there for a doctor's appointment. It's just part of enjoying the little things.

"When they're together, you can just see Austin's face light up," Conger said. "He's got to be really strong about it because I wouldn't be able to leave (Peyton). He's got a strong mentality about it."

And it is a mentality Warren's teammates recognize. "Big Daddy," which is his now-fitting nickname, has set an example for the rest of the Bearcat ballplayers.

"It's really been good for the guys on the baseball team to look up to Austin," Cross said. "He really makes you put life into perspective. When you wake up for early morning practices, you think 'man, this is rough.' But then you look at Austin and realize his responsibilities, and it kind of gives you a different outlook on everything."

And as far as the baseball team's sentiments toward Peyton?

"There's a few of them that want to babysit, but I'm not quite ready to take that leap and let them watch him," Warren said. "But it's nice to have a support system like that."

try conferences in the nation, proven by three of the top four teams from the region being from the conference.

"Our competitive level in the MIAA is very high," Lorek said. "Especially on the men's side this year. I think our men are actually capable of being up there. Hopefully, in the years to come we are going to make that a reality."

Two runners received postseason awards for the Bearcats. On the

men's side, sophomore Nolan Zimmer received an All-MIAA selection after finishing sixth at the MIAA Championships.

On the women's side, junior Anne Herbert received an All-MIAA honor and an All-Region selection after her performance at the regional championship. Herbert ran the fourth fastest time in Northwest history in the 6K, completing her run in 21:46.84

on the ground along with 11 touchdowns this season.

"I think the thing he is doing well is, I don't mean this as derogatory, but his height is kinda like Barry Sanders where he gets caught behind that big offensive line," Dorrel said. "I'm seeing some runs where it's like the linebackers look to their right, and it's like they didn't see him going through the hole."

Lining up behind center for Western is dual-threat quarterback Travis Partridge, who has ran for 10 touchdowns and has passed for 2,028 yards.

"He's a tough kid and can run it when he needs to," Dorrel said. "That's the thing...they are kind of being more selective on when he runs it. It's not a question when they need a play or it's crunch time for their team—he is going to have the football in his hands, running it or throwing it."

Last season, Partridge conducted a game-winning drive in the final minutes to knock off the Bearcats 21-20 and cost Northwest a share of the MIAA title.

"I still have a bad taste in my mouth because of that, and I know all the other guys on the team do," Gnader said. "But this week is about Northwest. Coach Dorrel said that Sunday. It's about us getting better, and it's about us taking that next step to achieving our goals, and one of our goals is getting a first-round bye and having home-field advantage through the playoffs."

The Bearcat regular season finale was selected as the MIAA Game of the Week, pushing the start time to 2:37 p.m. Saturday at Spratt Stadium in St. Joseph.

FOOTBALL

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think, is very huge for a lot of reasons. Physically, it gets you healthy, but probably just as importantly, mentally it gives your kids and staff time to have some off time. Literally, we haven't had a day off since Aug. 12."

Located just 44 miles away, the Bearcats and Griffons are natural rivals, giving both teams an extra incentive to win and the chance to obtain bragging rights for 12 months.

"Any time you're this close to someone, it's going to make your rivalry good," Dorrel said. "Just like Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern or Kansas and Mizzou used to be. When you're proximity is so close, that is what makes it a special rivalry."

Despite the rivalry, Dorrel has his team focused on hosting at Bearcat Stadium throughout the playoffs.

"When I was a true freshman here in 2009, I got to experience a few home playoff games and just the atmosphere was just unbelievable," junior linebacker DJ Gnader said. "It's very special, and going on the road week in and week out is tough, especially in the playoffs against the upper-echelon teams."

The Northwest defense shut down the top offense in the MIAA by holding Emporia State to 313 total yards in its 48-21 win last weekend. The Bearcat defense will have another substantial test against the Griffons as it attempts to slow down the MIAA's leading rusher, Raphael Spencer.

Spencer has registered 1,240 yards

By the numbers



Missouri Western

St. Joseph, Mo.	Location	Northwest
MIAA	Conference	MIAA
6,074	Enrollment	6,800
10	Playoff Appearances	17
0	National Titles	3
2	Conference Titles	24

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Warren's life goes against the grain of the standard college student's. He attends class and goes to baseball practice before spending his evenings being a parent to Peyton alongside his fiancé, Carissa Conger. The traditional college student demeanor of partying no longer fits the mold of the young family.

"The way I lived my first two years of college, it was very irresponsible," Conger said. "I had my fair share of partying, let's just say that. After Peyton, that settled down so much."

"Just growing up to learn to love someone unconditionally in such little time, it's amazing. I love my life right now. I'd take it any day over all the partying."

This maturation process from young couple to responsible parents is clear as day to those around him, particularly Warren's teammate and roommate, Alex Cross. The fellow pitcher has witnessed first-hand the duty of parenthood and the accountability it demands.

"You take what a college kid has to deal with, then you multiply it by around 15, and that's how serious and responsible you have to be," Cross said. "I don't know how many times I'm up doing homework late at night and Austin has to wake up because he's got a bottle to make or a diaper to change."

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MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	10-0	9-0
Emporia St.....	8-1	8-1
Pitt. St.....	9-1	7-1
Washburn.....	8-2	7-2
Mo. Western.....	8-2	7-2
Mo. Southern.....	6-3	4-3
Central Mo.....	6-4	5-4
Fort Hays.....	5-5	3-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-7	3-5
Lindenwood.....	3-6	2-6
Central Okla.....	2-7	2-7
Lincoln.....	2-8	1-8
Southwest Baptist.....	1-9	1-8
Northeastern St.....	1-9	1-8

Nov. 16:

NORTHWEST at Mo. Western
 Washburn at Emporia St.
 Mo. Southern at Pitt St.
 Nebraska Kearney at Fort Hays St.
 Central Okla. at Northeastern St.

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	12-0	7-0
Savannah.....	7-3	6-1
Cameron.....	8-4	4-3
Smithville.....	6-7	4-3
Lafayette.....	7-5	3-4
Bishop LeBlond.....	6-6	2-5
Chillicothe.....	4-6	2-5
Benton.....	0-10	0-7

Nov. 11:

MARYVILLE at Oak Grove

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	29-4	14-1
Central Mo.....	27-1	13-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	26-4	12-3
Central Okla.....	21-9	9-7
Mo. Western.....	15-14	8-7
Emporia St.....	16-10	7-7
Southwest Baptist.....	17-12	6-8
Lindenwood.....	9-19	6-8
Pitt. St.....	15-15	5-10
NORTHWEST.....	11-17	5-10
Fort Hays St.....	13-17	3-11
Missouri Southern.....	4-25	0-15

Nov. 14:

Southwest Baptist at Mo. Western

Nov. 15:

Southwest Baptist at NORTHWEST
 Washburn at Lindenwood
 Nebraska Kearney at Central Mo.
 Central Okla. at Northwestern Okla. St.

MHS VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond.....	31-4-3	7-0
Savannah.....	9-2	2-1
Lafayette.....	21-2	0-1
Chillicothe.....	5-4	0-1
MARYVILLE.....	2-4	0-1
Benton.....	1-3	0-1
Smithville.....	2-10	0-2
Cameron.....	2-11-2	0-2

Nov. 7:

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Football hits road for 1st postseason away game

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Maryville is halfway to its ultimate goal of a second straight state title after its district championship win, but a monumental test looms this weekend.

The Spoofhounds bettered Cameron and the cold Monday night, winning 42-14 to capture the Class 3 District 8 crown. Maryville goes on the road at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Oak Grove (11-1), which beat Hogan Prep 42-0 Monday night to advance.

The Panthers' only loss came against Pleasant Hill, which swept its regular season at 9-0 before falling to Bolivar 28-16 in the Class 4 District 7 Championship Monday night.

"They're an outstanding football team," head coach Matt Webb said following the district championship game. "It's going to be a great matchup ... We talk about keeping your mental edge at the high points to never overlook an opponent."

"Win the day means you're gonna look at that day and we're gonna focus on Oak Grove and that's all we're going to worry about. We're going to go down and get a win and find a way to get it done."

Because the Spoofhounds and Panthers each hosted all three of their district games, Oak Grove receives the home-field advantage because it is "the team on the top half of the bracket in (an) odd-numbered year," according to MSHSAA's website.

The only common opponent between Maryville and Oak Grove is St. Pius X, which the Spoofhounds beat twice this year, 46-0 and 34-14. The Panthers beat the Warriors 28-7 Sept. 20.

Senior quarterback Trent Nally led the path to a district title with 157 offensive yards and four total touchdowns. The Spoofhounds beat four straight opponents by three touchdowns or more, and the veteran dual-threat is ready for a competitive game.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Nally said. "They're a good team and it'll be there, so it'll be a lot of fun."

Nally appeared to injure his throwing hand against the Dragons, but returned just a couple of drives later on both the defensive and offensive side of the ball.

Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer filled in at tailback due to an injury to senior Trent Dredge, which forced junior tailback Brody McMahon into Dredge's fullback spot.



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN

A mass of Spoofhounds celebrate after senior quarterback Trent Nally drives his way into the end zone on a keeper. Maryville beat Cameron 42-14 in the Class 3 District 8 Championship and will play at Oak Grove Saturday in a state quarterfinal game.

Beemer garnered 142 rushing yards and the game's opening score, continuing his ability as a super-utilty player to jump in for a banged-up teammate, like he did against Bishop LeBlond Sept. 20 with 207 rushing yards when McMahon was hurt.

Maryville scored four first-quarter touchdowns to wrap things up early against Cameron on a cold, windy night that fit the Spoofhounds' style of play perfectly.

"Week two, we're worried about heat index and week whatever-this-

is, we're out here worried about cold weather," Webb said. "Welcome to Maryville, Mo., and I promise you that this is the style of football. If we play this, I don't care who's on the schedule next, we take it one week at a time and we keep on advancing."

Hall of Fame coach back for 28th season at Maryville

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After securing his fifth Coach of the Year honor last season, Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame coach Mike Kuwitzky returns for his 28th year at the helm for Maryville.

Coming off his seventh district championship a year ago, Kuwitzky will build on his 471-247 record with a young squad taking the court, but will stick to his same tenured philosophy.

"What we have to do is have different expectations," Kuwitzky said. "Our goals are still going to be as good as we can be, but we had some really good seniors we lost last year. With

a little more experienced team, you have a little bit different goals, a little bit different expectations.

"We've got a lot of building to do. We want to build our program."

The 'Hounds lost guards Jonathan Baker and Treyton Burch and forwards Tyler Kenkel and Kyle Leslie from last year's squad, who finished one-game shy of Kuwitzky's fourth final four appearance.

Kuwitzky garnered his fifth sectional title last season, and his 471 wins as the Spoofhounds head coach is 336 more than William Norton's total of 135 from 1958-1963, who boasts the second highest total.

Despite all of the accolades, Ku-

witzky holds onto the values he has obtained as a coach over everything else.

"The relationships with players is the most important," Kuwitzky said. "The relationships that you form, that's probably number one as the most important thing."

"The people that you've been able to help, the people that you've had an impact on, the people that you've been able to help in life and help see success, I think that's what is most important to me."

Maryville begins the season with the bulk of its experience coming from senior forwards Ty Hilsabeck and Trent Nally.

this year."

The 'Hounds will compete in the Savannah tournament the weekend after Thanksgiving, and Hageman expects great things from his young squad.

"We have been pushing the girls to be in shape and to take care of the basketball all offseason," Hageman said. "I like our chances to reach our full potential, and I don't know what that potential is and that is the exciting thing about this team."

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Maryville boy's basketball

Women drop road opener by 21 at Quincy

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Coming off a season-opening, double-digit loss on the road, head coach Michael Smith and the Northwest women's basketball team return home for a two-day tournament with something extra on the line.

The Bearcats open the Winstead-Reeves Classic at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against Truman State, Smith's former team. Smith coached the Bulldogs to three straight MIAA Tournament appearances before leaving for Northwest in May.

"It's going to be tough; there's no doubt about it," Smith said. "I've kinda dreaded this game for a while. Basically, I recruited every one of those kids on

that team and developed a relationship with them. Now, to be going against them will be tough, and I'm sure it'll be tough for them. I'm sure that they want nothin' than to come out and beat me, and you can't blame them for that."

Junior guard Ariel Easton, a transfer from State Fair Community College, said this game is special.

"I feel a lot of excitement because that other team is gonna come in like, 'oh, we gotta get this coach,'" Easton said. "Personally, I wanna have (Smith's) back to the max so that doesn't happen, and they come in knowing that we got the better coach."

Northwest lost Nov. 9 to Quincy 68-47 in Smith's inaugural game coaching the Bearcats, shooting just 4-15 from behind the three-point line.

"A big thing that we're emphasizing right now is trying to be comfortable being uncomfortable," Smith said. "That's one of our sayings. Part of that is implementing a lot of new stuff, and part of that is just trying too hard at times, thinking too much."

Northwest will simplify some of its offense this weekend, according to Smith.

Easton was questionable against Quincy with a right leg injury, and wore a boot last week. Smith told her she would play if necessary, yet Easton came off the bench, played 21 minutes and led Northwest with 16 points.

"Mentally, it was kind of tough because I don't like to sit out, ever," Easton said. "As far as just watching my team go down, I was itching to get

on the court. With the injury, it was just out of my mind; when I am on the court, in the game, I'm not thinking about it. I was just trying to make a win out of it."

Easton said she should be ready to go for this weekend's tournament, but senior guard Monique Stevens and sophomore guard Tember Schechinger are questionable.

The Bearcats follow Saturday's game against Truman with a 3:30 p.m. contest Sunday against William Jewell.

"I think we'll refocus after being knocked down so hard," Easton said. "We'll come back into practice ready to refocus because no one wants to get beat by 20-plus (points) on any given night. We'll be a lot more focused having it being home court."



BEN LAWSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman middle hitter Jackie Becker tries to block a Nebraska-Kearney spike Nov. 9. The Bearcats must win Friday to make the MIAA Tournament.

Volleyball with 1 last chance at postseason

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The Northwest volleyball team faces a do-or-die situation when it hosts Southwest Baptist on senior night with a chance to sneak into the MIAA Tournament Friday.

The Bearcats sit in 10th place in the conference and have one last opportunity to jump into eighth place, making them tournament eligible.

"We have a full week of preparation," senior middle hitter Mackie Keller said. "We've really been coming together at the end... It's going to take just consistent play from everyone, all six of us on the court. We got to just play together just one last time and get a win."

Eight teams make it into the conference tournament, and a victory on Friday would likely put the Bearcats in a four-way tie with Pittsburg State, Lindenwood and Southwest Baptist. The tie-breaker for seeding is head-to-head matchups, and Northwest has the edge over Pittsburg and Lindenwood.

The Bearcats dropped their previous match against Southwest Baptist after being up two sets then losing

three consecutive to fall short.

"(Last time) their starting setter wasn't in the first two sets for whatever reason," head coach Amy Woerth said. "What I told my girls, is that we lost 3-0 because she got that team going. Regardless of what happened then, we have to figure out a way to beat them. We're going to do that this week and put up a game plan and go at them."

The Bearcats will lean on juniors Abby Graves and Brooke Bartosh and Keller in order to make the postseason.

"Whenever you can have three players with double-digit kills, that's very helpful," Woerth said. "Whenever we get that done, we usually come out on top."

If the Bearcats can sneak into the conference tournament, Woerth welcomes the underdog opportunity.

"You don't want to play your best at the beginning of the season," Woerth said. "You want to play your best at the end. It will be exciting for us to continue on. It's just mentally understanding and fighting knowing that we belong because, personnel-wise, we really do."



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Austin Warren



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior pitcher Austin Warren is juggling a full class load, hitters in the batters' box and being a father to his 8-month-old son, Peyton, as a 21-year old with his fiancé, Carissa Conger.

Bearcat balancing baby, books, baseball

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At first glance, Austin Warren's two-bedroom apartment emulates that of a typical college student's living space. An Xbox is hooked up to the television, and books are lying open on the coffee table.

But then, baby blocks scattered in the corner come into view.

Eight months ago, just two weeks into his first season as a hurler for the Bearcats baseball team, the junior right-handed pitcher out of Lone Jack became a father to Peyton

Warren.

While baseball had always been his main concern, being responsible for another human being's life immediately took precedence.

"I don't know if I would've lasted in college without baseball," Warren said. "It was my top priority coming out of high school. That's changed. Peyton is my top priority now."

"Whatever I have to do or sacrifice to be with him or to help him out with anything, I'm going to do. That's just how it works."

Managing school and baseball along with fatherhood

was not on the forefront of the 21-year old's mind a few years ago. Coming out of high school, Warren attended North Central Missouri Community College, eventually transferring to Northwest to take the mound for the Bearcats.

"In high school, I never pictured myself having a baby in college, but that's just another adventure of life," Warren said. "And it's definitely an adventure. It's a full day all the way around."

"But I wouldn't ask for anything else."

SEE BABY | A9

Northwest men deserve fandom

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Bearcat football fans are the best.

It's really not a generalization or an arguable statement - Northwest packs the visitors section on the road with relative ease most weekends, even when the outcome is a foregone conclusion (I'm looking at you, Northeastern State.)

The Bearcats are No. 2 in the country, hold the top seed in Super Region 3 and, with a win over Missouri Western Saturday, will imaginably have a first-round bye and host the playoffs. Get your parkas out.

So, enjoy this year's run and party like it's 2009. But, I have a suggestion for you.

We all know this is a football town, and that's all well and good, but I urge you, do not sleep on the Northwest men's basketball team this season.

Hands down, the most exciting weekend of sports I've covered in person was last season's MIAA Tournament run, and if you were there, you understand why.

Head coach Ben McCollum and his crew of defensive dynamos routed Western at home, knocked off fourth-seeded Northeastern State, shot the lights out against top seed Fort Hays State and took second seed Central Missouri to the wire in the championship before falling in overtime.

That paragraph of summarization doesn't nearly do justice for that seven-day span, but this isn't a Bill Simmons column, and I don't have 5,000 words to get my point across.

DeShaun Cooper is back from a medical redshirt, Dillon Starzl is the best post player in the region and Conner Crooker already dropped 24 points in this year's opener.

There's simply too much excitement about this team to miss out on what the future could hold. The Bearcats were voted the No. 2 team in the MIAA in both the media and coaches' preseason polls. There are seven highly experienced upperclassmen who have played under the bright lights and know what it takes after last season's tournament excursion.

With two legitimate stars in Cooper and Starzl, these guys deserve as much support as the undefeated football team, plain and simple.

Don't take this the wrong way - no one is asking anyone to diminish their loyalty to the top football program in Division II. But if you're willing to wear every piece of clothing you can find just to avoid frostbite watching Trevor Adams and co., surely you can trudge over to the gym for some hoops - the gym is heated, by the way.

Sure, the Bearcat Bash was a success (especially if your name is Andy Peterson and you can dunk in cargo shorts), but it should be like that every time Northwest takes the court.

Who's to say Bearcat Arena can't be chocked full of green T-shirts like Bearcat Stadium is every Saturday?

Northwest plays its first home game at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 against Baker. So instead of making yourself sick trying to watch "The X-Factor" Wednesday night, catch the home opener for a team that is sure to entertain. Don't worry, Mug Night will be there when it's over.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior wide receiver Jason Jozaites leaps across the goal line as a pass from Trevor Adams drops into his hands against Emporia State Saturday.

Dorrel, football look to claim MIAA crown

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One game usually does not define a season, but for Northwest, the matchup against No. 19 Missouri Western Saturday will determine the Bearcats' regular-season suc-

cess and holds postseason implications.

On the line for the Bearcats is an outright MIAA title, an undefeated season and a first-round bye in the NCAA Division II playoffs by claiming the No. 1 seed in the region.

"In my past experience here at North-

west in the playoffs, if you can secure home-field advantage, especially at our place with the great crowd and great fans, it's very helpful for your team moving forward," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "The bye week, I

SEE FOOTBALL | A9

Men split opening weekend, adapt to new rule

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After splitting its opening weekend, the Northwest men's basketball team is still adjusting to the new hand-check rule as it prepares for the Hillyard Classic in St. Joseph.

The hand-check rule was put in place to create a more free-flowing offensive game by limiting the amount a defender can put his hands on an offensive player.

According to head coach Ben McCollum, the rule change is taking time to get acclimated to, for both the officials and the players.

"I love the rule change, first off," McCollum said. "My concern with them...and I don't have a lot of concern with it in our conference because I have a lot of faith in our supervisor. When we go outside of the conference and have different officials is when I get concerned. Our (conference) has been hammering that you have to call the fouls."

"I've taught (my players) hands off. Now all of a sudden, they are allowing it. It is imperative that they call it so we can coach accordingly."

The Bearcats take on No. 13 Midwestern State 4 p.m. Friday at the MWSU Fieldhouse for a competitive, early-season matchup.

Senior guard DeShaun Cooper sat out in the loss against Southwest Minnesota Nov. 10 with a swollen knee, and McCollum believes the dynamic guard needs to play if the 'Cats want to see success in the post and around the perimeter.

"It really depends on DeShaun's status—how we are going to be in the game," McCollum said. "When your focus is on him, Connor Crooker, Bryston Williams and our post players are secondary threats. Those guys are primary threats for a lot of people. When those guys can draw the second or third best player, that kind of changes things."